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1. ANURA BANDARANAIKE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 11 TO REVIEW U.S. ITINERARY RECOMMENDED REFTEL. ANURA EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH PROGRAM. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON WEEK-END OF MAY 17-18 AND REAFFIRMED HE IS PREPARED TO BEGIN PROGRAM MAY 19.

2. POSSIBLE ITINERARY CHANGES: ANURA INDICATED DESIRE TO RETURN TO SRI LANKA VIA LONDON RATHER THAN OVER PACIFIC, IF POSSIBLE STOPPING IN WASHINGTON A DAY AND NIGHT ENROUTE. IN IVEW OF THIS CHANGE, PERHAPS LOS ANGELES STOP SHOULD FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE HONOLULU. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN PUERTO RICO. RE MIDWEST, HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING CLEVELAND WITH POINT FARTHER FROM EAST COAST. HE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND VISIT DAY OR TWO BEYOND THREE WEEKS IF ADDTIONAL TIME WOULD ASSIST IN ARRANGING ITINERARY.

3. ALTERNATE TO CLEVELAND: EMBASSY SUGGESTED CLEVELAND ON BASIS OF RECENT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL DELEGATION VISIT TO SRI LANKA AND STILL THINKS IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA. OTHER CITY MIGHT BE PROGRAMMED ONLY IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL EXTRA EFFORT BY DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY OFFICER BRYNN
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HAS SUGGESTED MILWAUKEE BECAUSE ASSOCIATE PETER LINZMEYER

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THERE LEADS WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND IS YOUNG LAWYER WITH EXCELLENT FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS IN WISCONSIN. ALSO MRS. HENRY HOCHSTEIN, MOTHER-IN-LAW OF EMBASSY OFF LIVINGSTON HERE, IS MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND RECENTLY SPENT MORE THAN A MONTH IN SRI LANKA.

4. SUGGESTION FOR LOS ANGELES STOP: ANURA IS MOVIE BUFF AND, INASMUCH AS LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN FILMS ARE SHOWN IN SRI LANKA, WE RECOMMEND VISIT TO HOLLYWOOD. SPECIAL ATTENTION, NOT EXCLUDING COMPANY OF SOME STARLETS, WOULD PROBABLY EARN POINTS FOR UNITED STATES.

5. PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS: ANURA IS AGREEABLE TO SPEECHES AND SEMINARS, BUT TOTAL SHOULD NOT EXCEED THREE OR FOUR. PRESS AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH DHANAPALA AND SRI LANKA EMBASSY. ANURA ALSO DEMONSTRATED NO ENTHUSIASM FOR MEETING CEYLONESE IN UNITED STATES, POINTING OUT THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO MEET AMERICANS.
VAN HOLLEN

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